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is 28 percent, 27 percent. The cost avoidance, if you will...yes, it's a choice. People make that choice, and it's their choice. But it's absolutely a great deal of cost that we are avoiding by having...there is a place for private schools. Should they be funded by the public sector? For the most part I say no. But if you...but if you have a master teacher, and you provide an incentive for master teacher, and that master teacher happens to teach in a public school when they get their award and then they transfer to a private school, I mean think about it. I mean what we're after here is the best we can do for teaching kids. That doesn't mean you throw away the constitution. I don't suggest that at all. But this is...I don't think this constitutional argument is really appropriate in this amendment context. I think it's such a...we are after master teachers in this state. If they come to work in OPS or they come to work in Wahoo Public Schools, that's great. If they wind up teaching in a private school, there are going to be some kids get the benefit of that, and the state is going to get the benefit of that. And we've got over 42,000 kids that we aren't paying the cost of, and we can thank our lucky stars we're not, because we would have a very difficult time with our budget if we had another 42,000 kids at five or six thousand dollars...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...minimum per child to try to educate. But really, the point here that I think is relevant in deciding this...the propriety of this amendment is, do we think that it's...do we think that it is a good measure to provide extra incentive for those teachers that take the time and the trouble to become master teachers? And that is the context I hope we can make our decision at. And I think that it's a worthwhile measure to consider. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Raikes, on AM1721 to LB 543.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I wanted to respond a little bit to some of Senator Bromm's comments. One, he talked about cost avoidance, and I guess a quick point